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Washington  
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Assistant Secretary.

Hon. James. F. Moyle,  
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(THROUGH THE ACTING COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS)  
FROM DEPUTY COMMISSIONER GORMAN:

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The Attache's report, while rather lengthy, warrants close perusal, for it presents a very clear picture of the narcotic situation in the Orient from all angles, especially in so far as the degree of cooperation we may expect from Japanese officials in keeping the contraband out of this country is concerned. It is the most comprehensive report on opium conditions in the Far East that has ever come to my attention.

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The Honorable  
The Secretary of State,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir: Attention: Mr. E. Charles Smith,

I have the honor to transmit herewith two copies  
of a report, dated May 18, 1935, from Treasury Attache  
Hutchinson at Shanghai, in regard to drug conditions in  
Kweichow, "Kweichow".

Respectfully,

For the Secretary of the Treasury:

Assistant Secretary.

Enclosed

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*Copy to Mr. Smith*

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I would suggest that copies of Mr. Nicholson's report be furnished the State Department and the Commissioner of Narcotics, and after they have gone over it that you call another conference for the purpose of passing upon the recommendations submitted by Mr. Nicholson, set forth in the concluding pages of his report.

(Signed) Thos. J. Gorman

Inclosures.

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